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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

It is against my religious beliefs to eat food that has been subject to radiation. For the sake of myself and my family, I demand that the FDA continue requiring the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation," and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods MUST be retained in order to protect the public. The idea that we could be buying produce or meats that have been irradiated without our knowledge is utterly appalling to me, and it is ludicrous to pretend that subjecting food to radiation does not change it chemically in ways that affect its longevity and its nutrition.

I am sorry that the FDA relied on industry-paid "science" to make its ill-advised decision accepting irradiation. But to force the public to buy these products without labels, when they could contain benzene and other radiolytic products with unknown effects, in my opinion, is immoral.

Sincerely yours,

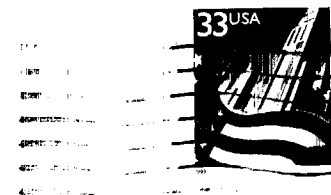
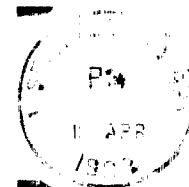


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